

**REMARKS**

**Summary of the Office Action**

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**Summary of the Response to the Office Action**

Claims 1 -13 are currently pending for reconsideration.

**The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

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With respect to claims 2 and 6, the Office Action alleges that *Ito et al.* discloses in column 17 a “determination means” or a “determination unit” in which when an extension of a still image file instructed to be reproduced is a predetermined extension, a header of the still image file is analyzed and it is determined whether or not the still image file is a still image file that is compressed in a decodable format to the body within the predetermined extension. Applicant respectfully disagrees. *Ito et al.* merely discloses a picture information analyzing means 621 that extracts parameters necessary for JPEG demodulation from the header portion of a received file. In *Ito et al.*, no determination is made as to whether or not the still image is a still image file that is compressed in a decodable format to the body within the predetermined extension.

Similarly, with respect to independent claim 1, the Office Action alleges that *Ito et al.* discloses in column 17 a “determination means” or a “determination unit” in which when an extension of a still image file instructed to be reproduced is a predetermined extension, a header of the still image file is analyzed and it is determined whether or not the still image file is a still image file that is compressed in a decodable format to the body within JPG extension in the body. Applicant respectfully disagrees. *Ito et al.* merely discloses a picture information analyzing means 621 that extracts parameters necessary for JPEG demodulation from the header portion of a received file. In *Ito et al.*, no determination is made as to whether or not the still image is a still image file that is compressed in a decodable format to the body within JPG extension in the body.

In addition, with respect to independent claim 10, the Office Action alleges that *Ito et al.* discloses a “a control unit that determines whether or not an extension of the still image file is a predetermined extension; wherein when the control unit determines that extension of the still image file is the predetermined extension, the header analysis unit analyzed the header of the still image file and determines whether or not the still image file is a still image file that is compressed in a decodable format within the predetermined extension.” Applicant respectfully disagrees. Again, *Ito et al.* merely discloses a picture information analyzing means 621 that extracts parameters necessary for JPEG demodulation from the header portion of a received file. In *Ito et al.*, the header of the still image file is not analyzed to determine whether or not the still image file is a still image file that is compressed in a decodable format within the predetermined extension.

Therefore, applicant respectfully asserts that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn because neither *Um et al.*, *Ito et al.* nor *Kubota et al.*, whether taken singly

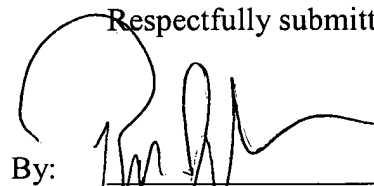
or combined, does not teach or suggest each feature of independent claims 1, 2, 6, and 10.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 3-5, 7-9, and 11-13 are allowable at least because of their dependence from claims 1, 2, 6, and 10 and the reasons set forth above.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the timely allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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